

citizens "to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic, and other requirements of present and future generations of Americans."

We've made great progress in 25 years as we've sought to live up to that challenge. As we look forward to the next 25 years of environmental progress, we do so with a renewed determination. Maintaining and enhancing our environment, passing on a clean world to future generations, is a sacred obligation of citizenship. We all have an interest in clean air, pure water, safe food, and protected national treasures. Our environment is, literally, our common ground.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 19, 1997.*

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on Resources.

¶25.21 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1122

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-32) the resolution (H. Res. 100) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1122) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶25.22 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 91

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-33) the resolution (H. Res. 101) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 91) providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶25.23 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 22. Joint resolution to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶25.24 ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 924. An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime.

And then,

¶25.25 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. HOEKSTRA, at 9 o'clock and 36 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

¶25.26 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 100. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1122) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions (Rept. No. 105-32). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 101. Resolution providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 91) providing amounts for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the 105th Congress (Rept. No. 105-33). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶25.27 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. SPENCE (for himself and Mr. DELLUMS) (both by request):

H.R. 1119. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MANTON, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. BOUCHER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. PASCARELL, Ms. FURSE, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. KLINK, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GREEN, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. OLVER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GORDON, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Mr. WISE, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Mr. RANGEL):

H.R. 1120. A bill to assist local governments in assessing and remediating brownfield sites, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to encourage State voluntary response programs for remediating such sites, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PAUL:

H.R. 1121. A bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law and ratify the longstanding policy of the National Credit Union Administration Board with regard to field of membership of Federal credit unions and to repeal the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977, and to provide for a reduced tax rate for qualified community lenders; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a

period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H.R. 1122. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ACKERMAN:

H.R. 1123. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit loans from individual retirement plans for certain first-time homebuyer, education, and medical emergency expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, and Mr. HAYWORTH):

H.R. 1124. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that no capital gains tax shall apply to individuals or corporations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. KLINK, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, and Mr. HOUGHTON):

H.R. 1125. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that amounts collected with respect to the provisions of health care at a Department of Veterans Affairs medical center may be retained by that medical center; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FILLNER, Mr. GOODE, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. FROST, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. VENTO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. REGULA, and Mr. UNDERWOOD):

H.R. 1126. A bill to provide that certain service of members of the U.S. merchant marine during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of any law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. HANSEN (for himself, Mr. CANNON, and Mr. COOK):

H.R. 1127. A bill to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the concurrence of the Governor and State legislature for the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. EVANS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. FOGLIETTA, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. GORDON, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, and Mr. SKEEN):

H.R. 1128. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of periodic colorectal screening services under part B of the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. TORRES, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. FILNER, Mr. WALSH, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. DELLUMS, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. BARRETT